

**SUBJECT: 1996 NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND PROGRESS  
REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Board receive for information a report on projects funded by the Neighbourhood Matching Fund in 1996.**

**POLICY**

The Board approved the establishment of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund and a Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee in November 1993. On February 6, 1996 the Board authorized staff to approve Neighbourhood Matching Fund projects upon the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee.

**DISCUSSION**

The Neighbourhood Matching Fund was established in 1993 to support neighbourhood improvement projects involving a broad base of people in a way that promotes community development and builds neighbourhood connections. It provides funds up to \$10,000 per project which are matched by the community group in the form of other funds raised and volunteer services and labour. The funding is a part of the Capital Budget. The budget for a three year period is \$100,000. A Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board to review applications and make recommendations on funding. Projects were approved individually by the Board.

In February, 1996, the Board authorized staff to approve NMF projects upon the recommendation of the NMF Advisory Committee, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General manager. Planning and Recreation staff assist the committee and work with project organizers. Staff were requested to report annually to the Board on the disposition of funds.

There are two deadlines annually for the program, one in the spring and one in the fall. At the spring meeting the committee reviewed nine applications and in the fall it reviewed six.

The following projects were recommended and approved for funding. The first four are complete and the second four are currently underway.

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PROJECT	SPONSOR	FUNDS ALLOCATED*
Queen Alexandra School-Mural/ Playground improvements (Broadway and Clark)	International Community Service Day Foundation and  Queen Alexandra School staff and School Consultative Committee	\$3720 (funds were not required upon project completion)
Downtown Banner Project (Downtown East side)	Public Dreams Society(a non-profit that produces many celebrations)	\$5000
Banners Further Along Broadway (Broadway between Commercial and Main)	Mount Pleasant Community Association	\$3762 ( awaiting installation by the Engineering Dept.)
The Many Faces of Brock-Terra- Cotta Masks and Limbs mounted on Riley Park Community Centre	General Brock Elementary School	\$2735
Children's Animal Pathway-Cement stepping stones imprinted with animal prints leading to playground (Grant and Semlin)	The Friends of Victoria Park (a group of residents who have been working on improvements to the park)	\$5555
Riley Park Bus Shelters-Improvements to the intersection at 25th and Main	Riley Park Bus Stop Project ( a group of residents sponsored by either the Mid Main Community Health Centre or Little Mountain Neighbourhood House)	\$7500
Living Wall Garden Project-vertical gardens in the West End (various City and park sites being explored from Nelson Park to the Roundhouse)	Farm Folk-City Folk (a non-profit concerned with the relationship between food, agriculture, health and the environment)	\$10,000 (pending clarification of budget and site approval)
Discovery Project-Historical Markers-Stainless steel plaques on lampposts in S.E. Vancouver	Fraserlands Riverside Residents Association and South East Vancouver Arts Council	\$10,000 (pending Engineering approval)

\* Funds are not dispensed until appropriate receipts/reports are received.

The following applications were not approved for funding:

- Maple Grove School Parents Association-playground improvements
- grunt gallery- Mattering Map of local diners
- Queen Victoria Annex-Mural
- Marpole Museum-general improvements
- Words in the Air-Renfrew Park public art
- Evergreen Foundation-printing costs for Crowley Park booklet
- Mount Pleasant Beautification Plan- graffiti cleanup

For a variety of reasons, these projects did not meet the criteria for the NMF. The applicants have been informed and where possible assisted to find funding elsewhere.

The False Creek Jade Fountain project, the Ray Cam Mural Project (approved in principle) and the West Point Grey Walkway Project were approved but did not proceed with their projects and have been notified that they must re-apply.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Neighbourhood Matching Fund continues to support local residents and groups in the development of neighbourhood projects which help to build a sense of community.

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